

# MURDER CLUES LED AWAY FROM HALLS

## Pfeiffer Testifies Of Stronger Case Against Another

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your house. A. We have no such door.

Q. You heard Barbara Tough come home that evening? Was there anything unusual about the lights? Where were you? A. No, I was in the library.

Q. Did you communicate with Henry Stevens or Henry Carpenter that evening? A. No.

Q. What time did you retire that evening? A. About 10.30. I left the hall light burning for my husband. I was unable to sleep, wondering what time Mr. Hall was coming home. I read for a while. I went downstairs to see if he had come home. Then I woke William and asked him to go down to the church with me.

### Wore Long, Gray Coat

Q. What did you wear that night? A. Long gray coat and a brown hat.

Q. Is that the coat you later had dyed? A. No, it is now in the prosecutor's office.

Mrs. Hall described the route she and Willie had taken on the murder night to the church and after that to the Mills home. Her story tallied perfectly with Willie's.

Q. After you got home did you sleep? A. I did not sleep.

Q. What did you do next morning? A. I called the police and asked if there had been any accident.

### Didn't Give Police Name

Q. Did you give your name? A. No.

Q. Friday morning you went to the church again? A. Yes; I saw Mr. Mills there. I told him my husband was missing. He told me his wife had not come home. He said maybe they had gone to Coney Island.

Q. Did he say anything about their eloping? A. I don't recall.

Mrs. Hall said that her husband's sisters, Mrs. Bonner and Mrs. Voor-



Timothy Pfeiffer Edward Stryker  
hees, came to her home that day in response to her phone call.

### Brothers Seem Unworried

Willie and Henry Stevens never took their eyes off their sister as she continued her testimony, but neither seemed worried as to what the result of the examination would be. Not once did Mrs. Hall return their gaze.

The court crier placed a glass of water on the railing of the witness stand as Mrs. Hall's voice grew a bit weaker. The witness did not drink, however.

Q. Did you find by examining your husband's check book that a large sum of money was missing?

Simpson objected to the question. He was sustained. Mrs. Hall said the prosecutor had taken the check book four years ago.

It was now difficult to hear Mrs. Hall's voice beyond the first two rows of the press section, but she was still smiling.

Q. What did you say to Senator Florence? A. I asked him to come to the house. He got there between 3 and 4 o'clock. I told him about my husband's absence and asked him to get in touch with the police.

Q. Did you see him again that day? A. I don't remember.

Q. Did Mrs. Bonner and Mrs. Voorhees go home that night? A. Yes.

## Simpson's Waterloo and Its Reason



WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT that Willie Stevens, eccentric brother of Mrs. Edward W. Hall, would baffle Special Prosecutor Simpson as a star witness in the famous Hall-Mills murder trial? Maybe Willie is a "sort of genius," as he has been referred to by a doctor for the defense. The jury was told that if Willie had once been epileptic, he was in a class with Caesar and Napoleon. Willie is shown in a characteristic pose, which he now assumes since he was described as Napoleonic.

Q. Did you sleep well that night? A. No.

Mrs. Hall's testimony that there was a closer relation between her and the family of Edwin Carpenter than existed between her and Henry Carpenter tended to show the unreasonableness of the state's claim that Henry Carpenter was in the murder group.

If Mrs. Hall was to seek aid in a murder, the defense sought to show she would have enlisted Edwin's aid before Henry's.

### Smiles Gratefully

Mrs. Hall smiled gratefully, almost cheerily, as she nodded toward Mrs. Edwin Carpenter, when McCarter asked that she be pointed out.

Q. On Saturday did you get a phone call from the Home News? A. Yes, they called and asked if Dr. Hall was home. When I told them he was not, they asked if I could give them his address.

I was nervous and upset. I asked them why they persisted in their questions. They told me they feared something had happened to Mr. Hall. I told them to come to



Wilbur A. Mott James Mills

the house, but not to say anything more on the phone.

### Wanted Body Brought Home

Q. Do you remember clearly what happened that day? A. I do not.

Q. Did you make the funeral arrangements? A. Yes.

Q. Did you ask that the body be brought home? A. I asked if it would be, but Mr. Hubbard (the undertaker) advised against it.



MRS. JANE GIBSON

Q. On Sunday, did Mr. Carpenter carry any letters out of your home? A. Absolutely none.

Q. Was your face scratched? A. No.

The state had introduced three witnesses, one of them the driver of Dr. Hall's hearse, who said that Mrs. Hall's face bore a two-inch scratch the day of her husband's funeral, four days after the murders. It is Prosecutor Simpson's contention that Mrs. Hall received the scratch in a struggle preceding the slayings. Mrs. Hall's denial of the scratch had been sustained by the testimony of several, including three Episcopalian clergymen.

Q. Did Mr. Totten and Mr. Beekman visit you that day? A. Yes, they asked me if I knew a woman had been seen entering my home Friday morning. I told them it was I.

Q. Do you remember Mr. Toolan examining your husband's desk? A. Yes.

Q. Did Mr. Toolan make any fur-

ther search? A. Later two men came and examined his clothes closet.

Q. Where was the family vault of the Stevens family? A. In Greenwood Cemetery, Brooklyn.

Q. Was your mother buried there? A. Yes.

Q. How did you meet Mr. Pfeiffer and how did you engage him? A. I met him through a mutual friend. I needed somebody, and I retained him.

Q. Did Mr. Di Martini talk with you and your servants about the murder? A. Yes.

Q. Was your house visited by reporters? A. Yes.

Q. Did you ever suggest to Barbara Tough, Louise Geist, the cook or any other persons that they conceal evidence from Mr. Pfeiffer or Di Martini? A. No.

Q. Did you go to the prosecu-

## Widow Ordered Complete Inquiry, Sleuth Testifies

tor's office in Middlesex county. A. Yes, twice.

Q. Did you know that Di Martini had offered money to Mrs. Minnie Clark? A. No.

Q. Did you know that Mrs. Jane Gibson had identified you at the prosecutor's office? A. Some woman there came in and looked at me.

### Denies Killing Husband

Q. At whose advice did you permit an interview with the papers? A. Mr. Pfeiffer arranged it.

Q. Now, Mrs. Hall, did you kill your husband or Mrs. Mills, did you play any part in the terrible tragedy?

A. I did not.

The widow of the Rev. Edward Wheeler Hall closed her eyes as she uttered her denial of the crime for which she is now on trial.

There wasn't a break in her steady voice, however, not the sign of emotion beyond the brief closing of her eyes.

Q. Were you in De Russeys

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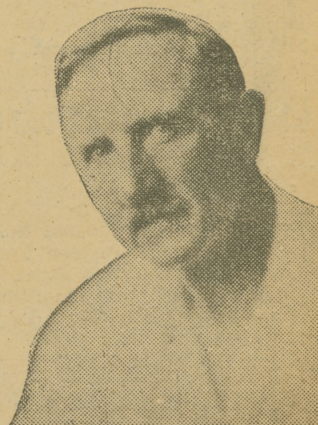
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